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SUBJECT:U.S. PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR MINISTER BELL AND GENERAL DOLVIN.

I.

THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 5 FROM THE DEPARTMENT APPLICABLE TO THE FEBRUARY 1976 NEGOTIATING ROUND IN PANAMA, DESPATCHED FROM ARA/PAN AT 5:30 PM FEBRUARY 13.

II. BRIEFING ITEMS

A. EDUCATIONAL TV PROGRAM ON PANAMA -- ALEX FIRFER HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AND PROVIDING MATERIAL TO MS BABYAK FOR PROGRAM. UNDERSTAND ORFILA AND BOYD WILL PARTICIPATE. CONGRESSMAN MURPHY IS BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AND REPRESENT OPPOSITION TO NEW TREATY.
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B. NARCOTICS CHARGE -- CONGRESSMAN MURPHY HAD UPI ARTICLE YESTERDAY FOLLOWING UP ON ANDERSON COLUMN ON MOISES TORRIJOS AND AGAIN LINKING ALLEDGED STATE DEPARTMENT EFFORT TO KEEP IT QUIET TO NEGOTIATIONS. WE PREPARED BRIEFING MEMO FOR ROGERS GIVING BACKGROUND AND RECENT EVENTS. MURPHY MAY USE MONDAY TV PROGRAM REPORTED ABOVE TO KEEP THIS POT BOILING.

C. REP. GLENN ANDERSON CRITICIZES PITTY -- UPI REPORTED FEB 11 THAT REP GLENN M. ANDERSON (D-CALIF) HAS CALLED ON HIS HOUSE COLLEAGUES TO CENSOR AMBASSADOR PITTY FOR RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES IN THE OAS. WE HAVE ASKED H TO LOOK INTO THIS AND DETERMINE WHETHER REP ANDERSON HAS MADE THIS THE SUBJECT OF A RESOLUTION OR HAS MERELY MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT.

III. ACTION ITEMS

NONE. KISSINGER

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